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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCNAMES,
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NECC//ATTENTION
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JOHN YEO.
WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS
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ITEM NO: 1

DATE 17 APRIL 1974

SUBJECT: ELECTIONS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

PLP : SANTO DOMINGO 3102, 25 APR 74, CONF

PRESIDENT BALAGUER APPEARS ALMOST CERTAIN TO WIN A THIRD TERM
IN THE ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16. THE US EMBASSY BELIEVES TH
BALAGUER MAY FACE A HARDER FIGHT THAN HE HAD ANTICIPATED, HOWEVER,
NOW THAT THE SO-CALLED "SANTIAGO PACT" OPPOSITION FRONT IS GAINING
STRENGTH.

BALAGUER IS CAMPAIGNING HARD, AND IS CAREFULLY TENDING RELATIO
4 WITH THE MILITARY. HE HAS TRANSFERRED ERIC GEN SALVADOR LLUDERES
3 FROM THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE TO THAT OF AIR
2 FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF IN ORDER TO REPAIR DAMAGE DONE TO AIR FORCE
1 FORALE BY THE PREVIOUS CHIEF'S INCOMPETENCE AND CORRUPTION.

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THE "SANTIAGO PACT" IS JUST GETTING OFF THE GROUND, LESS THAN THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE ELECTION. IT HAS BEEN STYMIED FOR MONTHS BY INTERNAL RIVALRIES AND DISSENSION. ITS CLAIMS OF GOVERNMENT HARASSMENT MAY HAVE SOME BASIS, BUT AT LEAST SOME VIOLENCE MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM FACTIONALISM WITHIN THE FRONT. E-E IMPDET.H

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